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RENT FREE BSNL LANDLINE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has provided all the landline connections rent free in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the same facility is proposed to be provided by Mahanagar Nigam Limited (MTNL) in Delhi and Mumbai also;

(d) if so, the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (e) MTNL has no proposal to provide all the landline connections on rent free basis. However, under certain promotional schemes, an 'add on' rent free landline connection or Fixed Wireless Telephone (FWT) over the existing landline for customers who have MTNL's landline for more than six months are offered.MTNL has been reviewing the tariffs and its services from time to time, keeping in view of competition etc.